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SUBJ: 58TH ECOSOC:1975 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION
(JANUARY 13-16)

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: PRESIDENT-IQBAL AKHUND (PAKISTAN);
VICE-PRESIDENTS-SIMEON AKE (IVORY COAST), EDOUARD
LONGERSTAEY (BELGIUM), DONALD MILLS (KAMAICA), AND
LADISLAV SMID (CZECH). FUNCTIONAL ASSIGNMENTS: ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE-AKE, POLICY AND PROGRAM CO-ORDINATION
COMMITTEE-SMID, SOCIAL COMMITTEE-LONGERSTAEY, INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS-MILLS.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: PROVISIONAL AGENDA (E/5600) APPROVED
WITH ADDITION OF ITEM ON RECENT EARTHEQUAKE IN PAKISTAN.

3. RATIONALIZATION OF WORK: DRAFT DECISIONS CONTAINED IN
E/L.1621 (RATIONALIZATION) AND E/L.1619 (PROGRAM OF WORK)
APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE. SECRETARIAT ANNOUNCED THAT AS RESULT
OF AGREEMENT THAT THE TWO ADDITIONAL DAILY MEETINGS WOULD
BE INFORMAL, FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS REDUCED FROM \$240,000
TO \$65,000. NEXT MEETING OF NGO COMMITTEE RESCHEDULED
MARCH 10-14 AND OF CPC MARCH 17-21.

4. IWY CONFERENCE: SOVIET REP REOPENED "ALL STATES"
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ISSUE AND SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR INVITATIONS TO BE ISSUED

TO DRV AND PRG. IN ADDITION, HE CALLED FOR SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM ON ROLE OF WOMEN IN CONTRIBUTING TO PEACE AND ARGUED THAT INVITATIONS TO NGO'S EXCEEDED SCOPE OF BASIC RESOLUTIONS. FRENCH, FRG, AND US REPS STATED THAT "ALL STATES" QUESTION SETTLED IN AT 29TH GA AND SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT HE WOULD FOLLOW TRADITIONAL PRACTICE OF UN, I.E., NO INVITATION TO PRG. OFFICIAL ALSO STATED THAT IT NORMAL PRACTICE TO INVITE ACCREDITED NGO'S AND OTHER INTERESTED BODIES. WITH SOVIETS STILL OBJECTING, PRESIDING OFFICER DECLARED SENSE OF MEETING TO SUPPORT SECRETARIAT ACTIONS. FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE OFFICIALLY TITLED "WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR".

5. PAKISTAN ASSISTANCE: USYG MORSE GAVE OVERVIEW OF RELIEF EFFORTS FOLLOWING RECENT EARTHQUAKE IN PAKISTAN. BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE TOTALLED \$36 MILLIIN, UN SUSTEM CONTRIBUTED \$400,000 RED CROSS SOCIETIES \$750,000 AND OTHER \$200,000. RESOLUTION CONTAINED E/L.1623 AMENDED TO TAKE NOTE OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN (NEW OPERATIVE PARA 2) AND APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE. PAKISTANI REP TOOK FLOOR TO THANK DONORS (READING OFF IN PROCESS LIST OF DONOR COUNTRIES) AND SAID THAT RELIEF NEEDS BASICALLY SATISFIED AND EMPHASIS NOW ON RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION. HE GAVE HIGH PRAISE TO UNDRO'S BERKOL FOR HIS ADMINISTRATION OF RELIEF EFFORT.

6. ELECTIONS: SINCE REGIONAL GROUPS NOT PREPARED, MOST ELECTIONS DEFERRED TO RESUMED SESSION ON JANUARY 28. THIS INCLUDES ELECTIONS TO UNICEF AND COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. FOLLOWING SLOTS FILLED:

(A) NGO COMITE: FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, USSR, UK AND US
(B) SPECIAL FUND: SWEDEN
(C) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT: GREECE
(D) AD HOC GROUP ON RULES AND PROCEDURE: ECUADOR, MEXICO AND USSR

MEMBERSHIPS IN FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS CONFIRMED AS REPORTED BY SECRETARIAT.
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7. COMMENT: GIVEN RECORD OF THIRD COMMITTEE, SOVIETS IN WEAK POSITION IN REOPENING "ALL STATES" ISSUE. CLEARLY THEY WILL CONTINUE EFFORT TO GET PRG INVITED IWY CONFERENCE. WEO'S (AS WELL AS OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS) IN ABSOLUTE DISARRAY ON CANDIDATES FOR SUB-GROUPS, I.E., 15 CANDIDATES FOR 10 SLOTS ON TRANSNATIONAL COMMISSION. HOWEVER, PRINCIPLE OF SLOTS FOR SC PERM MEMBERS NOT IN QUESTION.

CANDIDATURE OF SOUTH VIETNAM FOR UNICEF ASIAN SLOT LIKELY
TO PRODUCE COMMUNIST BLOC SHENANIGANS. FINALLY, WE NOTE
THAT WILLIAM H. DRAPER, JR., IS LISTED AS US REP ON
POPULATION COMMISSION AND BELIEVE DEPT MAY WISH TO SUBMIT
ALTERNATE NAME. END COMMENT.

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